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The Public Health Learning Network Introduces a New Era of Public Health Training

WASHINGTON, DC, May 13, 2016 — To ensure the nation's 500,000 public health professionals can respond rapidly to critical and ever-evolving needs, the National Coordinating Center for Public Health Training (NCCPHT) at the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) has partnered with 10 Regional Public Health Training Centers (RPHTCs) and 40 local performance sites (LPS). The partnership represents a unified, national network of public health training and educational resources—the Public Health Learning Network (PHLN).

Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the PHLN is the nation's most comprehensive system of public health educators, experts, and thought leaders. The growing network aims to:

- **Advance public health practice** by enabling the sharing of best practices among Public Health Training Centers across the United States.
- **Improve population health** in the United States through skills-based training and ongoing research in communities across the United States, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S. territories.
- **Offer high quality, free, adaptable, and easy-to-access training tools** available online and in-person.

"Increasingly, a body politic throughout the United States recognizes that medical care is necessary but insufficient for achieving health and wellbeing; where and how we live really matters. Socioeconomic drivers can determine quality of life and life expectancy for entire communities," notes Vincent Lafronza, CEO and President of NNPHI and Principal Investigator for the NCCPHT. "To protect and improve health

and to achieve health equity in all communities, we need a public health workforce that is diverse, competent, adaptable, and well versed in cutting edge practice. The PHLN is strengthening the collective capacity of the nation's public health workforce so all communities have ready access to training, tools, and resources that support them in improving the public's health."

What is distinct about the PHLN is its long-standing relationship with learners and partner organizations within communities, coupled with a national presence that offers cohesive and rigorous development and delivery of education and knowledge sharing across the country. For more information, visit nnphi.org/phln.

About the National Network of Public Health Institutes:

As the NCCPHT, NNPHI is a collaborative leader and facilitator of the PHLN. To build healthy communities, NNPHI supports the public health workforce, promotes collaboration across sectors, and drives the field towards cutting-edge research and practice. The Public Health Learning Network is supported by HRSA of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under HRSA-UB6HP27435. Learn more about NNPHI and its member institutes at nnphi.org.

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